

(b) from about 10 grams to about 30 grams of a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprising at least about 80% by weight, of water releasably absorbed in the substrate;

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(c) from about 2 grams to about 20 grams of a fabric shrinkage reducing composition comprising a fabric shrinkage reducing agent selected from the group consisting of: ethylene glycol, all isomers of propanediol, butanediol, pentanediol, hexanediol and mixtures thereof releasably absorbed in the substrate.

Please add the following new Claims:

27. The composition according to Claim 1 wherein the fabric shrinkage reducing composition and the liquid cleaning/refreshing composition are releasably absorbed in the substrate in a weight ratio of from about 1:2 to about 1:4.

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28. The process according to Claim 13 wherein the fabric shrinkage reducing composition and the liquid cleaning/refreshing composition are releasably absorbed in the substrate in a weight ratio of from about 1:2 to about 1:4.

REMARKS

By the present amendments, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 12, 13 and 18 per the Examiner's suggestions. A Marked Up Version of the Claims is attached hereto.

New Claims 27 and 28 have been added. Support for new Claims 27 and 28 is found in original Claims 1 and 13.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

After entry of this amendment, Claims 1, 2 and 11-28 are pending.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112:


Claims 1, 2 and 11-26 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The Examiner suggested deleting the phrases "preferably . . ." from the Claims.

Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 12, 13 and 18 to overcome these rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

Conclusion

WHEREAS Applicants have made an earnest effort to overcome the rejections of the claims, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein and a notice of allowance of Claims 1, 2 and 11-26, as amended, and new Claims 27-28.

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MarkedUp Version of Claim

1. A composition for treating fabrics comprising:

a) a fabric shrinkage reducing composition comprising a fabric shrinkage reducing agent selected from the group consisting of: ethylene glycol, all isomers of propanediol, butanediol, pentanediol, hexanediol and mixtures thereof [, and more preferably selected from the group consisting of neopentyl glycol, polyethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 1-octanol and mixtures thereof]; and

b) a liquid cleaning refreshment composition;

wherein the fabric shrinkage reducing composition and the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition are releasably absorbed in a substrate in a weight ratio of from about 1:2 to about 1:5 [, preferably from 1:2 to 1:4, more preferably from 1:3 to 1:4, and most preferably 1:3.6].

2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning/refreshment composition comprises water and a member selected from the group consisting of: surfactants, perfumes, preservatives, bleaches, auxiliary cleaning agents, organic solvents and mixtures thereof [, preferably the organic solvents are glycol ethers, more preferably the organic solvents are selected from the group consisting of methoxy propoxy propanol, ethoxy propoxy propanol, propoxy propoxy propanol, butoxy propoxy propanol, butoxy propanol and mixtures thereof].

12. The composition according to claim 11, wherein the surfactant is a nonionic surfactant [, preferably an ethoxylated alcohol or ethoxylated alkyl phenol].

13. An overall non-immersion cleaning/refreshment process for treating a fabric comprising the overall steps of:

(a) placing the fabric together with a substrate in a containment bag;

(b) placing the bag in a hot air [clothes dryer, or the like] apparatus, and operating said apparatus with heat and tumbling; and

(c) removing the fabric from the bag; and

wherein releasably absorbed in the substrate is:

(i) a fabric shrinkage reducing composition selected from the group consisting of:

ethylene glycol, all isomers of propanediol, butanediol, pentanediol, hexanediol and mixture thereof [, and more preferably selected from the group consisting of neopentyl glycol, polyethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 1-octanol and mixtures thereof]; and

(ii) a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition; and

further, wherein the fabric shrinkage reducing composition and the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition are present in a weight ratio of from about 1:2 to about 1:5 [, preferably from about 1:2 to about 1:4, more preferably from about 1:3 to about 1:4, and most preferably about 1:3.6].

18. A sheet which is specifically adapted to clean and/or refresh fabrics in a hot air apparatus, the sheet comprising:

(a) a substrate;

(b) from about 10 grams to about 30 grams of a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprising at least about 80% [, preferably at least about 90% and most preferably at least about 95%] by weight, of water releasably absorbed in the substrate;

(c) from about 2 grams to about 20 grams of a fabric shrinkage reducing composition comprising a fabric shrinkage reducing agent selected from the group consisting of: ethylene glycol, all isomers of propanediol, butanediol, pentanediol, hexanediol and mixtures thereof [, and more preferably selected from the group consisting of neopentyl glycol, polyethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 1-octanol and mixtures thereof] releasably absorbed in the substrate.